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TAGS: ASEC, SY

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF SYRIAN MISSION

1. MISOFF WAS VISITED BY FIRST SECRETARY OF SYRIAN MISSION  
RIAD SIAGE JULY 8, 1977. SIAGE BROUGHT WITH HIM FORMAL REQUEST TO  
HAVE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE (EPS) REASSIGNED TO THEIR MISSION  
ON 15TH FLOOR OF 150 EAST 58TH ST, NEW YORK CITY. TEXT OF  
THIRD-PERSON NOTE ATTACHED.

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE  
UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN  
REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE DATED 1 JUNE 1977 HAS THE HONOUR  
TO CONVEY TO THEM THAT THE SYRIAN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES  
CONSIDER THAT THE PRESENT POLITICAL AND SECURITY  
CONDITIONS DO NOT PERMIT ANY RELAXATION IN THE LEVEL OF  
SECURITY MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE SAFETY  
OF THE MISSION AND ITS MEMBERS AS WELL AS THEIR RESIDENCES.

THE SYRIAN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES SINCERELY HOPE  
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THAT THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTIVE SERVICE BE REASSIGNED AT  
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY  
AND SECURITY OF THE MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY  
TO RENEW TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

M.A,  
NEW YORK, 7 JULY 1977

UNQUOTE

2. MISOFF EXPLAINED AT GREAT LENGTH NORMAL FUNCTIONS OF EPS AND INTENT OF US CONGRESS WHEN EPS WAS ESTABLISHED. MISOFF STRESSED EXTRAORDINARY NATURE OF DECISION TO POST EPS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, DC, AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS WHICH MUST EXIST. THE REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF THREAT TO THE SYRIAN MISSION WAS ALSO COVERED. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EPS COVERAGE OF SYRIAN MISSION LOCATED ABOVE STREET LEVEL AND COVERAGE BY NEW YORK CITY POLICE AT EGYPTIAN MISSION, WHICH IS STREET LEVEL AND THEREFORE RESPONSIBILITY OF NEW YORK CITY AUTHORITIES, WAS LIKEWISE EXPLAINED TO SIAGE.

3. SIAGE, WHILE CLAIMING TO UNDERSTAND OUR REASONING, STATED NONETHELESS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THER HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY RELAXATION OF SECURITY MEASURES IN NEW YORK CITY.

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